

C1 enhancer to the food in a quantity sufficient to enhance the flavor of the food.

C2 39. (amended) A method in accordance with claim 38, wherein the clear tomato concentrate is a hydrolyzed and then concentrated tomato serum.

40. (amended) A method in accordance with claim 38, wherein the clear tomato serum is a concentrated and then hydrolyzed tomato serum.

41. (amended) A method in accordance with claim 38, wherein the hydrolysis is carried out using the natural acid present in the concentrate serum, and heat.

42. (amended) A method in accordance with claim 38, wherein the hydrolysis is carried out via protolytic enzymes.

C3 45. (amended) A method in accordance with claim 32, wherein the clear tomato concentrate is present with a carrier selected from the group consisting of maltodextrins, starch, starch derivatives, sugars, corn syrup solids, gums, salts and mixtures thereof.

C4 52. (amended) A method in accordance with claim 49, wherein the hydrolysis is carried out using the natural acid present in the concentrate serum, and heat.

53. (amended) A method in accordance with claim 49, wherein the hydrolysis is carried out via protolytic enzymes.

Add the following new claims:

57. (new) The method of claim 32 wherein said clear tomato concentrate contains a total of 4-5% glutamic acid and glutamine.

58. (new) The method of claim 32 wherein said sufficient quantity to enhance the flavor of the food is about 0.5% based on the weight of said food.

REMARKS

The Official Action of October 3, 2002, and the prior art relied upon therein have been carefully reviewed. The claims in the application are now claims 32-58, and these claims define patentable subject matter warranting their allowance. Accordingly, the applicants respectfully request favorable reconsideration and allowance.

Applicants respectfully request the PTO to acknowledge receipt of applicants' papers filed under §119. In this regard, applicants have claimed priority from their corresponding application filed in Israel on May 27, 1998, and it appears from the "Notification of Missing Requirements..."